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In re Application of: RUMAN et al. :  
Appl. No.: 10/038796 : LETTER RESCINDING  
Filed: December 31, 2001 : NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT  
For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH IMPROVED:  
FASTENING SYSTEM AND METHOD OF :  
FASTENING THEREOF :

A Notice of Abandonment, Form PTO-1432, was mailed on December 7, 2007 in patent application Serial Number 10/038,796. The Notice of Abandonment alleged that applicant failed to file a response to the Board Decision dated November 29, 2007 and that the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired with no allowable claims in the file.

Review of the file history shows mailing of the Board Decision dated November 29, 2007. However, the period for court review of the decision runs two months from the Board Decision of November 29, 2007, or until January 29, 2008.

Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment mailed December 7, 2007 was premature and is hereby VACATED and RESCINDED. Note the period for seeking court review is not restarted or altered by this letter, but remains running from the November 29, 2007 decision.

The application is being restored to pending to await expiration of the period for seeking court review of the decision. Any inconvenience occasioned by the mailing of the Notice of Abandonment is regretted.

  
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